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Dear Sir:


- 1) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98 applicant encloses a Second Form PTO-1449 and copies of the references cited thereon. A copy of a European Search Report issued in a corresponding European Application on April 29, 2002 is also enclosed. Applicant requests that the references be made of record herein.
- 2) This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits, to the best knowledge of the undersigned attorney, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)(3). Thus, a fee is not due for the submission of the present Information Disclosure Statement.
- 3) The undersigned attorney hereby certifies that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement, as seen from the European Search Report date of April 29, 2002.

- 4) References AB to AG are in English. Reference AH corresponds to AG from which the relevance can be determined in English. Thus no further discussion of the references is required.
- 5) Moreover, the enclosed Search Report indicates the degree of relevance of each of the references AA to AG by category (A = technological background; X = relevant for anticipation or obviousness when considered alone; and Y = of particular significance in connection with another publication of the same category). Thereby, the requirement for a concise explanation of the relevance has been satisfied (see M.P.E.P. §609).
- 6) Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider all references of record, return an initialled copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 to the applicants and ensure that all references of record are printed on any patent issuing from this application.
- 7) Favorable consideration and allowance of claims 1 to 19 are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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